TEMPLE OF DARKNESS: PART 5

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CONSUME YOURSELF IN THIS DESPAIR!
WELL, LYLE!!! HOW DOES IT FEEL TO KILL THE ONE YOU LOVE?!!
GE-HE-HE-HE!
HOW INCRE-DIBLY AMUS-ING!!!

SOMETHING IS MAKING THEM IGNORE OUR SPELL-CASTING!
THE KID AND I TRIED, BUT WE CAN'T GET OUR MAGIC TO WORK...
THE SPIRITS HERE ARE REFUSING TO COOPERATE!
BUT THAT THERE'S NO POINT
W... WHY!?
THAT'S RIGHT...! RASHA!! HEAL HER WITH YOUR MAGIC!! HURRY...
MAYBE SO, BUT WEAPONS ARE JUST AS USELESS AGAINST THAT GUY!
DAMMIT! GUESS WE CAN'T COUNT ON MAGIC AFTER ALL!
IHRIE...
AFTER ALL THE EFFORT RASHA WENT THROUGH TO TEACH ME HER MAGIC, I CAN'T...
I'M NO USE TO LYLE...
HOW DO I MAKE THINGS RIGHT? TELL ME, IHRIE...

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BLOOD... THIS IS THAT WOMAN'S BLOOD!! TO THINK, SOMETHING SO SIMPLE...!!
HA! EXCELLENT! WITH THIS, I WILL BECOME INVINCIBLE!!
THEY WERE ONE TO BEGIN WITH AND ARE NOW RETURNING TO THEIR ORIGINAL FORM!?
I... I CAN SENSE IT! THE SPIRITS ARE GATHERING INTO ONE BEING NO, WAIT !?
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FOR NOW, LET'S GET OUTTA HERE!!
NOT GOOD! THIS PLACE... MIGUEL!!
Y-YEAH!!
GH....
L...LOOK!
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LYLE... MY REVENGE IS COMPLETE... YOU MAY ALL DIE!!
I NOW POSSESS THE MOST POWERFUL DESTRUCTIVE ART!
IT'S BEING ABSORBED!
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THE BLOOD ON THE FLOOR...
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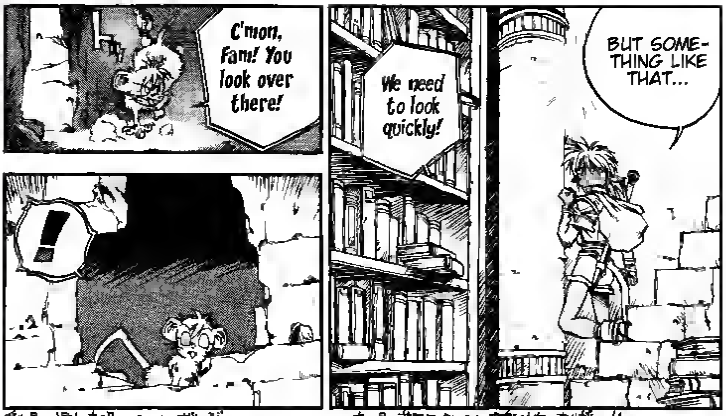
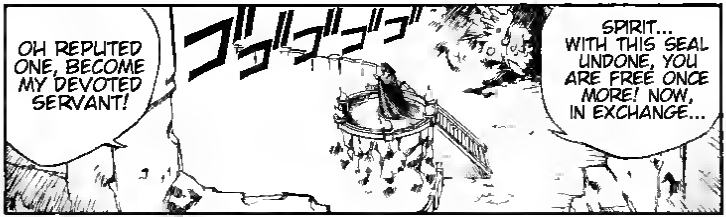
CAN YOU CURE HER, RASHA?
THERE'S A SMALL CHANCE.
YOU OK, PORGO?
YEAH, I'M RIGHT BEHIND YOU.
NGH!
THAT COULD CHANGE AT ANY MOMENT, THOUGH!
THE SPIRIT STONE IS GATHERING MANY SPIRITS, BUT SOME HAVE BEEN LEFT BEHIND THAT I CAN CALL.
IT'LL BE DIFFICULT TO USE MAGIC TO HEAL HER.
AND AS A RESULT, YOU HANDED OVER YOUR TREASURED SWORD LIKE A DOLT.
RIGHT. YOU LET YOUR FEELINGS GET THE BETTER OF YOU.
MY RASH ACTIONS LED TO THIS OUTCOME.
I'M SORRY, I WASTED OUR BEST CHANCE TO BEAT LUGDULL...
HONESTLY! AT A TIME LIKE THIS...
WELL NOW, WHERE DID THOSE GIRLS RUN OFF TO?

FOR-BIDDEN SPELL-BOOKS?
Spells that were created by heretics and sealed away.
The old beardo's library... full of forbidden spellbooks!
Found it!
there has to be a way to undo my curse here!
I'm betting that my curse and the princess's are similar, so...


C'mon, Fam! You look over there!
We need to look quickly!
BUT SOME-THING LIKE THAT...



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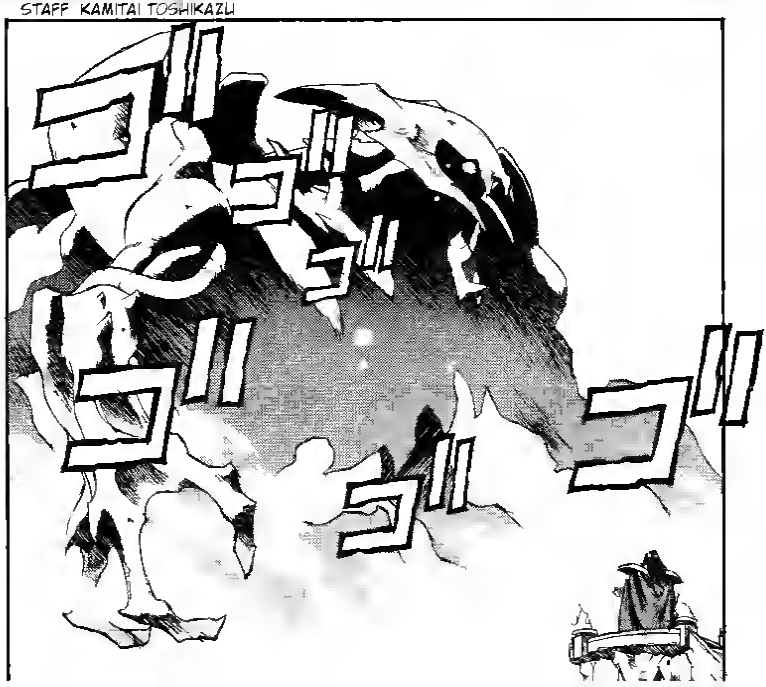

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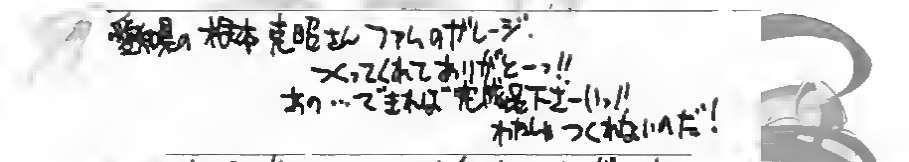
HEY, GUESS WHAT WE'VE GOT AGAIN? YEP! MORE ILLEGIBLE MARGIN NOTES!



FYI, I RECENTLY GOT A JOB, WHICH MEANS LESS TIME THAN I ALREADY HAD FOR SCANLATING, BUT I PROMISE I'LL KEEP WORKING ON IT. AFTER ALL, I'M PERSONALLY INVESTED IN IT, AND THERE'S ONLY FOUR SUBCHAPTERS LEFT ANYWAY. THAT'S 39 PAGES IN CASE YOU WERE WONDERING.

ALSO, I DO PLAN ON USING MY NEXT PAYCHECK TO BUY ME A COPY OF THE RUIN EXPLORERS SPECIAL PLUS ISSUE, WHICH MEANS HIGHER-QUALITY SCANS EVENTUALLY. BUT I MAKE NO PROMISES ABOUT TRANSLATING THOSE MARGIN NOTES.